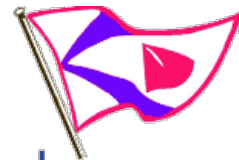


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## Corinthian Yacht Club of Bellingham



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### The Next Potluck Meeting is May 9 at 6:00

*Speaker: Meryl Herrett, Power Squadron – Vessel Safety Inspections*

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### Commodore's Corner

Well, its begun.....racing season is here! My first time aboard the committee boat, and it was exciting! Well, let me explain. Once the course was set and the committee boat anchored, we had all we could handle!

"Time! This flag up that flag down, blow horn. Time! that flag up this one down, horn. Time!"... You get the idea. After the boats were off, a beer, glass of wine, cheese and pate as we settled in to enjoy the show.

Now that is more like it. It is quite the sight. A dozen boats whizzing (can I say whiz?) past us with spinnakers flying.

The moderate winds became light and variable, and we were forced to shorten the race. The last boat crossed the finish line in slow motion and turned for home.

Thinking the excitement over, we raised the anchor and started the engine. Turning for the harbor, our engine died as did the wind and as dusk settled, we were becalmed. Sean called out on the radio, but no one seemed to be listening. Nothing to do about it but open another bottle and settle in. No one will expire of dehydration on our committee boat!

It's dark now and we are all beginning to check out the sleeping arrangements aboard the Catamaran when the wind came up, so we hoisted canvas. Sean took the wheel and we headed home. Just outside the harbor entrance, we were cheered by the sight of Mike Reed, who having heard our radio pleas, was coming out to vessel assist.

Heading for the gate 9 visitors dock, with only the main up, everything seemed to be going just fine. But wait! A gust of wind? What? Suddenly, we are heading for the dock at full ramming speed! What followed is worthy of any keystone cop routine. Holy moly! The call



### 2017 CYC Officers and Board Members

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came: "drop the main!" Three crew members on that detail, no one could find the main halyard! None of our crew had ever been on this Cat before.

I immediately grabbed the stern line and prepared to jump. "I'll stop this boat! " Linda was calling out behind me "its about the line---" but, I was determined, already seeing myself the hero of the day: "The Line? I've got the line!" I hollered as I leapt for the dock and deftly circled a cleat. Then I became painfully aware the difference between a line and a rope? Shee..it! Meanwhile, Sean had jumped ashore with the bow line and the two of us struggled to slow the Cat as it careened along the visitors dock. As the saying goes, " no autopsy, no foul". No other boats were hit, so we walked away.

-Laurent Martel  
2017 Commodore



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## Racing News

Ahoy Racers!!!

The 2017 CYC Season is three races in, and we have completed all three with only one DNF, well done! The addition of the three new course options has definitely helped with the light winds and we are getting good feedback that the ability to "keep on going and head for the bar" is preferable to a leeward rounding and upwind finish. We won't be exclusively course 5, 6, or 7 I assure you but the option is helpful in light winds and early sunsets this time of year.

Let us know how we are doing and if there are ways to improve our product and thank you from your Race Committee for racing on Thursdays with CYC Bellingham!!!

Cheers,  
Your Race Committee.

- Results from the 2017 CYC Thursday night racing series are being posted at: [CYC 2017 Race Results](#).

-Sean Jones  
CYC Race Chair

## Cruising

Ahoy sailors! We have two very popular cruises coming up in May. The dates ended up being back-to-back weekends; this was unavoidable due to various circumstances. Choose to join one cruise or the other or both! But let the cruise hosts know your intentions

as soon as possible due to limited space. Hope to see you on the water!

### **May 19-21: Matia Island Cruise and Cleanup**

The Matia cruise is currently full as far as available dock space goes. It may be possible to get a buoy (there are 2), or anchor in the small cove to the west if you want to join us.

### **May 26-28: Memorial Day Cruise to Fisherman's Bay**

Join us May 26 as we cruise to beautiful Lopez Island with the Bellingham YC.

- Friday: Happy Hour and live music at Resort.
- Saturday: Lawn games – croquet, frisbee, badminton. Prizes!
- Saturday evening: Las Vegas Buffet & Rat Pack Karaoke. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- Sunday: Free day.
- Sunday evening: Dockside Fresh Seafood Feast. Bring a seafood item, side dish or dessert to share.
- Monday: Return to Bellingham

Call the Lopez Islander Resort at 360-468-2233 to reserve your slip at the Islander and be sure to tell them you are with CYC. Also send Chris and Vickie an email to let them know you will be there: [chris623olson@gmail.com](mailto:chris623olson@gmail.com)

Chris and Vickie Olson

### **"Anacortes Art Festival" Cruise August 4/5/6 2017--Hosted by Bruce & Cindy Henninger**

This is a great cruise to a beautiful marina. The Art Festival is one of the best in the state with something for everyone's interest. Three separate stages with a variety of music genres. Many food vendors, plus the great eateries in town!

Limited space available- \$1.35 per ft. up to 50'

Email Bruce to get your moorage soon!

Boat name, overall length, nights (Fri, Sat)

[Capbruce@aol.com](mailto:Capbruce@aol.com) Cell 360 319 6827

[Anacortesartfestival.com](http://Anacortesartfestival.com)

### **CYC Social Hour "Cruise"**

The CYC Social Hour on April 29th was a great success, about 25 club members braved the drizzle to attend. Hosted by Rex Williams and Ayumi Takabe, we enjoyed microbrew at Wander Brewery and Ayumi showed club members how to make origami sailboats! A very fun time was had by all.





-Ken Russell  
2017 CYC Cruise Chair

## Events

### Upcoming CYC Potluck Meeting Speakers:

May 9th – **Meryl Herrett**, Power Squadron – Vessel Safety Inspections

### Marine Swap Meet and Dock Party

Opening day May 6th - 7AM to 11AM - Open to all, Hosted by Corinthian Yacht Club. Gather your gear from your garage, boat locker or anywhere else you may have put it for the 13th Annual Corinthian Yacht club gear swap.

The Swap meet will be outside the Squalicum Yacht Club near the gate at Seaview North boat yard. A \$5 suggested donation for each space to support the Bellingham Bay Boating Center.

Any questions please call Bruce Henninger, at 360 733-4097

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-Lesli Beasley  
CYC Administration Officer

*Do you have a computer or mobile device to keep your appointments and weekly schedule? Do you want to add CYC events to that electronic calendar?*

*Cruising schedule and other CYC events are listed on the [CYC Google Calendar](#), which is updated periodically. You can [subscribe to the CYC Google Calendar](#) on your computer or smart phone or see the [Events & Cruises](#) page.*

*Need help getting started? Talk to Chuck Dingée.*

### **May 2017**

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**May 9: CYC potluck**, SYC Clubhouse

**May 19-21: Matia Cleanup** (Hosted by Neal & Kim Bittner)

**May 23: CYC Board meeting**

**May 26-28: Lopez Islander Resort/BYC Joint Cruise** (Hosted by Chris & Vickie Olson)

### **June 2017**

**June 13: CYC potluck**, SYC Clubhouse

**June 27: CYC Board meeting**

**June 23-25: Turn Point Lighthouse Cruise** (Hosted by Terry & Kerry Thalhofer and Pam Spencer)

## Reciprocal Moorage

You will soon be receiving your CYC roster books, and I think everyone should give a huge shout out to Tracey for a job well done! Those are a lot of work to prepare. Despite our best efforts to make it as current as possible, I would like to point out that in the reciprocity section, the information is already dated. Since the time that the booklet went to press, we have had at least six clubs announce their reciprocity with us! If you're going cruising the summer, and want to use our reciprocity privileges, it would behoove you to learn to use the following website, <https://yachtdestinations.org/forums/index.php?app=frontpage>, as all of the information there is the most current. For destinations that you are interested in, there are ways to print out, or make accessible on your tablet, the specific pages for that club.

Happy sailing  
Neal

–Neal Bittner  
CYC Reciprocity Chair



## Flotsam and Jetsam

The Coast Guard has an app! Available on IOS. Download it, enter your vessel info, and hopefully you'll never need it.

## Sailing Slow

When out sailing and our speed drops below 3 kn, I get impatient, and Kim takes over the helm because she is the best slow sailor. On our maiden trip of 2017 to Cypress, we slowly sailed most of the way, and I got to appreciate the benefits. Gliding silently over the water, we sailed past flocks of arctic terns and common goldeneyes, saw too many harbor porpoises to count, and even a sea lion. A good reminder that the journey is the destination.

–Neal and Kim Bittner

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